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**Three hundred and eighty-fifth meeting.**

October 12, 1853. — SPECIAL MEETING.

The PRESIDENT, and afterwards Professor Parsons, in the chair.

The President stated that this meeting of the Academy, in committee of the whole, was called for the special purpose of acting upon the reports made by committees on the revision of the Statutes of the Academy.

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**Three hundred and eighty-sixth meeting.**

November 8, 1853. — MONTHLY MEETING.

The Academy met by invitation at the house of the President, — Dr. George Hayward, and afterwards the President, in the chair.

A letter was read from the Academy of Archæology of Belgium, at Antwerp, presenting the seventh volume of their Annals, requesting an exchange of publications, and a mutual election of Corresponding Members.

Professor J. Wyman made some further observations on the effect of low temperature and darkness in arresting the development of tadpoles. The experiment, at the time of his first observations, had lasted for about seventeen months; now, at the end of two years, some specimens are living in the same condition, showing no disposition to undergo metamorphosis.

Dr. Hayward related the case of a boy who had recently died from perfectly marked hydrophobia, commencing just thirty days after the bite of the dog. The wound, which was near the angle of the eye, was thoroughly cleansed by suction and cauterized with nitrate of silver, and in a few days seemed quite well; pain in the wound came on after a month; the boy became irritable, and much disturbed by cold air and water; attempts to swallow produced convulsions; stupidity soon came on, and death took place apparently from effusion in the brain. This disease is perfectly distinct from tetanus. In tetanus, the mind is unaffected, and deglutition is perfect